

REMARKS

Claims 1-29, 32-34, 38-42, 45-47, 52, 55-62 are pending with the entry of this amendment.

The Applicant acknowledges the indicated allowability of the subject matter of Claims 37, 50 and 55-58.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter described in Claim 37.

Claim 25 has been amended to include dependent Claim 37 and all the intervening dependent claims.

Claim 38 has been amended to include dependent Claim 50 and all the intervening dependent claims.

Claim 55 has been amended into independent form.

Claims 30, 31, 35-37, 43, 44, 48-51, 53 and 54 have been cancelled.

Claims 32-34, 45-47 and 52 have been amended to correct their dependencies.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Independent Claims 1 and 25 require “wherein for each of the plurality of nodes, the remote communication link interface is adapted to operate on one of a plurality of channels such that the node can communicate with the hub over the primary communication link and the redundant communication link which serves the service area sector in which the node is located” which the Office has indicated is allowable subject matter and is not found in any of the cited references.

Independent Claims 38 and 55 require “wherein for each of the plurality of nodes, the remote communication link interface is adapted to operate on a second plurality of channels which includes said first plurality of channels such that the node can communicate with the hub over the primary communication link and the redundant communication link which serves the service area sector in which the node is located” which the Office has indicated is allowable subject matter and is not found in any of the cited references.

Therefore the rejections are moot and must be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All of the pending claims contain allowable subject matter as indicated by the Office or depend from claims containing allowable subject matter. The application is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephonic or in-person interview would advance the prosecution of the Application.

While additional extension fees are not deemed necessary at this time, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate extension fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1679, Duane Morris LLP.

Respectfully submitted,

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